Forty-fifth Annual Report

CAROLINA, CLINCHFIELD AND OHIO RAILWAY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
December 31, 1955

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New York, April 6, 1956.

To the Stockholders of

CAROLINA, CLINCHFIELD AND OHIO RAILWAY:

Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, for the year ended December 31, 1955, is submitted herewith:

Under an indenture dated October 16, 1924, the properties of Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway and its subsidiaries were leased to Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company for a period of 999 years from May 11, 1923, at an annual money rental which now, and during the remainder of the term of the Lease, is 5% on $25,000,000 Capital Stock, or $1,250,000 annually.

In addition to the foregoing money rental, the Lessees agree to pay the interest charges on the outstanding funded debt of and guaranteed by Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway and on any bonds that may be issued to refund the same.

The Lease also provides that the Lessees will pay all charges and other expenses in connection with the payment of interest, shall pay all taxes upon the franchises and leased property and the income thereof, and shall also pay a limited sum for the annual corporate expenses of the Lessors. All rental payments under the Lease are the joint and several obligations of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

The Lease expressly provides that in case of the issuance of any additional capital stock of the Railway, it shall be stock of a class which has no right to participate in any dividends declared from the money rental above mentioned, which money rental has been fixed at the amount specified for the purpose of enabling the Railway to pay dividends upon the $25,000,000 par value Capital Stock at the rate of five per cent per annum, and is not intended to be used for any other purpose whatsoever. In consideration of this money rental, the stockholder agrees with the Lessees that he will vote his stock in such manner as is necessary to carry out the provisions of the Lease from time to time.

The payment of the above-mentioned annual money rental is to be made in equal quarterly instalments, on the first day of January, April,

July and October of each year, to enable the Lessor to pay dividends upon its $25,000,000 Capital Stock at the rate specified.

The making of the aforesaid Lease was authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission on June 3, 1924 (Finance Docket No. 3131).

Possession of the leased properties was delivered to the Lessees on December 1, 1924, and the first payment of the money rental under the Lease was made to the Lessors on April 1, 1925.

Quarterly dividends, at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the Railway's $25,000,000 Capital Stock, were paid out of the money rental received from the Lessees during 1955.

The Corporation is the owner of the First Mortgage Bond of its subsidiary, Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway of South Carolina, in the principal amount of $3,000,000. All of these bonds are pledged and deposited as security under the Corporation's own First Mortgage. The maturity date of these bonds is September 1, 1965 which coincides with the maturity date of the bonds of this Corporation presently outstanding under its First Mortgage.

During the year, in connection with the abandonment and sale of the line of Black Mountain Railway Company, the outstanding debentures of Black Mountain, all of which were owned by the Corporation and included in the leased properties, were retired and the Corporation's investment written down to the cash consideration received for the property, $35,000. Previously, the bonds had been carried on the Corporation's books at a value of $300,000. Since the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission require the Corporation's surplus to be broken down into unearned and earned and since, as a matter of technical accounting practice, the writedown has been charged entirely against the latter, the Corporation's balance sheet shows a deficit in Earned Surplus, the amount of Unearned Surplus remaining unaffected. In view of the fact that the Corporation has not been an operating carrier since the effective date of the Lease, the maintenance of an Earned Surplus account appears unrealistic, and steps are under way to obtain the Interstate Commerce Commission's approval of either the consolidation of the Surplus accounts or the charging of write-downs of this nature to Unearned Surplus.

Submitted as part of this report are a copy of the consolidated balance sheet, a consolidated statement of income and earned surplus, a summary of the operation of the leased properties, a statement of mileage and a description of the funded debt.

For the Board of Directors,

H. R. DENNIS, *President.*

ASSETS

Investments:		
Road and equipment property:		
Equipment	4,319,749.81	
Road	$62,051,662.56	
General expenditures	1,298,480.74	$67,669,893.11
Donations and grants		148,267.09
Investment in transportation property		$67,521,626.02
Accrued depreciation—Equipment		935,241.67
Investment in transportation property — less depreciation		$66,586,384.35
Sinking fund		114,446.25
Miscellaneous physical property		66,780.39
Total investment less recorded depreciation		$66,767,610.99
Current Assets:		
Cash	$ 5,900.71	
Accounts receivable	1,225.20	
Special deposits	3,482.00	
Rent receivable	312,500.00	323,107.91
Deferred Assets:		
Working fund	$ 100.00	
Other deferred assets	2,470,716.51	2,470,816.51
TOTAL ASSETS		$69,561,535.41

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RAL BALANCE SHEET

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LIABILITIES

Capital stock		$25,000,000.00
Funded debt unmatured:		
First mortgage 4% Bonds, Series A:		
Issued	$22,150,000.00	
Retired through sinking fund..	3,041,000.00	19,109,000.00
Current Liabilities:		
Interest matured unpaid	$ 90.00	
Unmatured dividends declared	312,500.00	
First Mortgage bonds and premium called for redemption	3,135.00	
Other current liabilities	3,727.62	319,452.62
Deferred Liabilities		8,334,361.97
Unadjusted credits:		
Premium on funded debt		3,616.45
Surplus:		
Unearned surplus	$16,876,993.05	
Earned surplus (deficit)	81,888.68	16,795,104.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES		69,561,535.41

CAROLINA, CLINCHFIELD AND OHIO RAILWAY

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CAROLINA, CLINCHFIELD AND OHIO RAILWAY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EARNED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

Income:		
Income from Lease of Road and Equipment	$2,039,183.22	
Release of premium on funded debt	731.18	
Miscellaneous income	81.85	
Total income		$2,039,996.25
Deductions from income:		
Maintenance of corporate organization	$ 23,348.72	
Interest on bonds	766,783.22	
Amortization of discount on funded debt	343.94	
Miscellaneous debits	9,941.25	
Total deductions from income		800,417.13
Net income for the year		$1,239,578.12
Earned surplus, January 1, 1955		197,284.20
		$1,436,863.32
Less—Dividends paid ($5 per share)		1,250,000.00
Earned surplus, December 31, 1955—prior to adjustment		$ 186,863.32
Write-down of investment in securities of Black Mountain Railway Company		268,752.00
Earned surplus (deficit)—as adjusted		$ 81,888.68

The Lessees of the Companies' properties, in accordance with the provisions of the Lease, have paid all taxes due or assessed against the properties and against the rental income therefrom.

RESULTS OF OPERATION BY LESSEES

The following is a summary of the results of the operation of the leased properties for the year ended December 31, 1955, as reported by the Lessees:

Railway operating revenue		$19,996,870.07
Railway operating expenses		12,041,995.36
Net revenue from railway operations		$ 7,954,874.71
Railway tax accruals		2,219,545.06
Railway operating income		$ 5,735,329.65
Equipment rents	$1,557,705.62	
Joint facility rents	6,118.59	1,563,824.21
Net railway operating income		$ 7,299,153.86
Non-operating income		24,559.51
Gross income		$ 7,323,713.37
Total fixed charges		2,431,038.71
Net income to Lessees		$ 4,892,674.66

MILEAGE

The mileage owned by Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway and its subsidiary, Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway of South Carolina, is as follows:

	Miles
Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway:	
Main line: Elkhorn City, Ky., to N.C.-S.C. State Line	258.76
Branch lines: Canay, Va., to Moss, Va.	14.55
Carbo, Va., to Clinchfield, Va.	2.35
Bostic Yard, N. C., to Junction S. A. L. RR.	.79
Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway of South Carolina:	
Main line: N.C.-S.C. State Line to Spartansburg, S. C.	18.09
Total	294.54

The lines of this Company have, since December 1, 1924, been operated by the Lessees under the name of "Clinchfield Railroad Company".

In addition to the foregoing mileage, the Lessees also operate the following mileage under trackage rights held by Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway System:

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Elkhorn City, Ky.	.13
Southern Railway, Frisco Yard, Tennessee	.61
Total	.74

This makes the total mileage operated by the Lessees, under the lease, 295.28 miles.

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDED DEBT

DECEMBER 31, 1955

CAROLINA, CLINCHFORD AND OHIO RAILWAY

FIRST MORTGAGE 4% BONDS: SERIES A:

Dated September 1, 1940, due September 1, 1965, secured by first mortgage on the line of railway and other property from Elkhorn City, Kentucky, to North Carolina-South Carolina state line, 276 miles, by equipment, and by the entire capital stock ($12,000) and $3,000,000 principal amount (entire issue) of First Mortgage Bonds of Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway of South Carolina, extended to September 1, 1965. Amount authorized and issued, $22,150,000; retired through sinking fund, $3,041,000; outstanding, $19,109,000. Bonds unconditionally guaranteed as to principal, interest and sinking fund payments jointly and severally by endorsement by Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company. Trustee: J. P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated, New York, N. Y. Coupon bonds in denomination of $1,000 each, registerable as to principal only. Fully registered bonds, without coupons, in denominations of $1,000, $5,000, $10,000, $100,000 and any multiple of $100,000 authorized by the Board of Directors. Coupon Bonds and registered bonds without coupons are interchangeable. Interest payable March 1 and September 1 at office of Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, 71 Broadway, New York. Redeemable, as a whole or in part, after not less than 45 days' published notice, on any interest payment date to and including September 1, 1963, and on any date thereafter, at the following percentages of the principal sum, viz.: to and including September 1, 1945, at 107½%; thereafter to and including September 1, 1950, at 106%; thereafter to and including September 1, 1955, at 104½%; thereafter to and including September 1, 1960, at 103%; thereafter to and including September 1, 1963, at 101½%; and thereafter 100%; plus acrrued interest in all cases. Semi-annual non-cumulative sinking fund of $110,750 to be applied to the purchase or redemption of the Bonds.